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UCI is our Super Bowl

Keep your head in the game

By Col. Thomas Walker

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Greetings Team Thule! We've had a few days of compliance inspections now and I appreciate all of your efforts to this point—your hard work is paying off! I've seen a lot of enthusiasm by all of you—know that the group and squadron leadership are proud of the huge effort you are putting forward.

With football season in full swing it's appropriate to use the analogy that everything leading up to this inspection has been our "regular season". Now, without a doubt, this unit compliance inspection is our Super Bowl, and so far things are looking good for the home team—Team Thule!

However...we still have the second half to go.

All of you are outstanding professionals who, together, make up the winning team. Stay positive and

motivated, but most of all, stay focused. We haven't reached the goal line yet though I know we're well on our way. Maintain your intensity and keep playing smart—the second we let our guard down and become complacent is when we open ourselves up for making errors.

I'm asking all of you to keep your head in the game until the UCI has ended. And, even after that, remember that we need to be inspection ready everyday—whether inspectors are evaluating us or not. With that said, always remain vigilant.

Keep a keen focus on everyday practices, such as watching your radio, telephone and e-mail traffic concerning sensitive information.

Whatever you do, ensure classified information never comes near unsecured communication outlets. Be sure to secure your passwords at all times—there is no reason to release

passwords to anyone! Remember, operations security and information security are critical to operational success and play a major role in the evaluation.

Everybody should take a moment to review the rules of engagement for this UCI, but there are three rules I'd like to highlight.

First and foremost, continue to keep **Safety First**. With all the operations going on with BOXTOP as well as this newly fallen snow and today being the first day of storm season, everybody needs to continue to emphasize safety.

Secondly, if you have a discrepancy, **Fix It Now**. For those discrepancies you cannot fix on the spot, develop a plan for resolving the issue—the overall key is to be proactive.

Finally, continue to **Be Positive**. Again, we're into the third quarter—now it's time to finish strong!

Snowed-In

Photo by 1st Lt. Jeremy Eggers

A KC-10 waits to be de-iced prior to departing Thule. The crew made the decision to stay overnight after crosswinds kept the plane from taking off. Today, the first day of storm season, came in like a lion. Occasional light snowfall is expected at Thule over the next couple of days.



Tuesday Weather

Mostly cloudy to cloudy; winds SE to SW at 8-15 knots; Occasional snow
High: 34°F (1°C)
Low: 25°F (-4°C)

Forecast by Richard Cox

Wednesday Weather

Mostly cloudy to cloudy; winds SE at 8-12 knots; Occasional light snow
High: 36°F (2°C)
Low: 26°F (-3°C)

**Storm Season has begun—
carry your arctic gear and
call Hilltop whenever
traveling off main base.**

Force Protection is everybody's business

By Gen. Lance Lord
Commander
Air Force Space Command

PETERSON AFB, Colo. – Attacks on our homeland on 9/11/01 brought home to Americans that the United States is not an island free from attack.

Terrorism can be brought home in a very big way. As service members, we know the risks around the world. Khobar Towers and the USS Cole will forever be burned in our memories.

We must continue to take aggressive steps to protect our people and their family members, operations and facilities around the globe.

The force protection mission is accomplished through the integrated application of counter/anti-terrorism,

operations security, physical security, personal protective services and information security, supported by superior intelligence and counterintelligence programs.

It is designed to protect Air Force people, information, facilities, property and equipment to enable air and space capabilities, maintain good order and discipline, and sustain quality of life.

Force protection is achieved using our Total Force team -- active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve security forces working side-by-side to protect our people and resources.

All members of the chain of command -- specifically, YOU -- are responsible for force protection. "Every person is a sensor," and we need you to report any and all suspicious activity to the proper authorities.

Challenge unknown personnel in your work areas and look at their badges. Protect unauthorized access to your computer. Close safes and properly dispose of printed information, and ensure your areas are secure at the end of your shift or duty day.

There are times when force protection will cause delays and frustration. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to balance protection with mission accomplishment.

With your help and continued diligence, we will remain the best space and missile force on the planet. Our people and our mission will be safe and secure -- there is no higher priority.

Remember, we are all part of the force protection team!

12 Rules of Engagement

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| 1. Safety First | 9. Maximum |
| 2. Be Positive | Demonstration |
| 3. Hustle | 10. Every Day Is Day |
| 4. Be Prepared | One |
| 5. No Repeat | 11. Don't Argue |
| Discrepancies | 12. Personal appearance |
| 6. Fix It Now | Customs and |
| 7. Use The Checklists | Courtesies make a |
| 8. Ask Questions | Difference |

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